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In re Application of: Darrell C. Conklin, Hal Blumberg,
Theresa A. Deisher

Serial No.: 09/186,342 Group Art Unit: 1643

Filed: November 4, 1998 Examiner:

For: A HUMAN 2-19 PROTEIN HOMOLOGUE, Z219C

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith references which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and with respect to which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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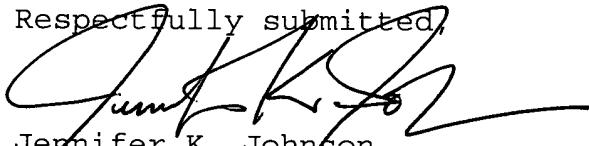
References A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5 were cited in an International Search Report from the European Patent Office, acting as the International Searching Authority for PCT application No. PCT/US 98/23524, which PCT application claims

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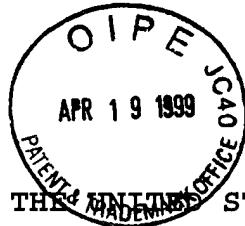
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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of the above-identified application and be made of record therein. The Examiner is also invited to contact the Undersigned if there are any questions concerning this paper or the attached references.

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